Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with strikethrough for deleted matter and <u>underlining</u> for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

- 1. (Original) A polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition comprising:
- a polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer (A) prepared by polymerizing 5 to 60 parts by weight of a vinyl monomer (a-2) in the presence of 40 to 95 parts by weight of polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) (the sum of (a-1) and (a-2) is 100 parts by weight); and an antioxidant (B).
- 2. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) have a volume average particle size of 0.008 to 0.6 µm.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein a polymer prepared by polymerizing the vinyl monomer (a-2) alone has a solubility parameter of 9.15 to 10.15 (cal/cm³)^{1/2}.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) are in the form of latex.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the vinyl monomer (a-2) is at least one selected from the group consisting of an aromatic vinyl monomer, an vinyl cyanide monomer, a (meth)acrylate monomer, and a carboxyl-group-containing vinyl monomer.

- 6. (Previously Presented) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is a phosphorus-based antioxidant or a mixture of at least two antioxidant components.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is a mixture of at least two antioxidant components.
- 8. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 7, wherein the antioxidant (B) contains at least one compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) in molecule:

- 9. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8, wherein the antioxidant (B) further contains a phenolic antioxidant.
- 10. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8, wherein the antioxidant (B) further contains a sulfurcontaining antioxidant.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is such an antioxidant that, when 0.5 parts by weight of the antioxidant is kneade-kneaded with 100 parts by weight of a polymer, which is prepared by polymerizing only the vinyl monomer (a-2) (excluding a multifunctional monomer) of the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft

copolymer (A), at 230°C for 3 minutes to prepare a resin composition, this resin composition exhibits a decomposition temperature at least 5°C higher than the decomposition temperature of the polymer alone, the decomposition temperatures being determined at a heating rate of 10°C/min by differential thermal analysis.

- 12. (Previously Presented) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1.
- 13. (Original) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 12.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 14.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 9.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 16.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 11.

19. (Previously Presented) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 18.